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Naples, February 16. N. S.

THE Squadron of Spaniſh Galleys commanded by the Duke of *Turſis*, are now in this Port, where they are refitting in order to return to *Catalonia* in the Spring, and it's ſaid, that ſome Troops will be ſent from hence, to ſtrengthen the Spaniſh Army there. The Galleys of *Malta* are expected at *Meſſina* in the beginning of *April*, to join the Pope's Galleys, and proceed together to the *Levant*. Our Viceroy has ordered ſeveral Veſſels to be fitted out, to clear theſe Coaſts of the ſmall Corſairs of *Barbary*, who have lately taken ſeveral Tartanes that were bound hither; and have landed, and carried away ſeveral People that lived near the Sea ſide.

Rome, Febr. 23. There being now ſeveral Places vacant in the College of Cardinals, the Pope is very much preſſed by thoſe who have either Pretenſions themſelves, or for their Friends, to make a Promotion, which they ſollicite the more earneſtly, becauſe of his great Age and frequent Indiſpoſition. Cardinal *Fourbin* prepares for his return to *France*; and Cardinal *Bouillon* is coming hither, to ſupply his place in managing the Intereſts of the French Court. The Count *d'Altamira*, Ambaſſador of *Spain*, intends to go the next week to *Loretto*, but this is thought to be only a Pretence; and that his Intention in taking this Journey is to meet the Marquis *de Leganez*, Governor of *Milan*, and to conſer with him about the Affairs of *Italy*. The Pope's Galleys, deſigned for the Aſſiſtance of the Venetians, are ordered to be in a readineſs to ſail in *April*, and there will be Embarked on them 800 Land Soldiers: The Galley taken from the *Turks* the laſt Summer, and preſented by the Republick of *Venice* to the Pope, is refitting at *Civita Vecchia*, to be one of this Squadron.

Genoua, Feb. 24. Complaint being made to the Senate, that two ſmall French Privateers, who cruiſe on theſe Coaſts, have moleſted the Subjects of this Republick, and Plundered their Ships, Orders were given the *Genoueſe* Galleys to go to Sea, and protect our Navigation; but the ſaid Galleys, after being abroad 4 or 5 days, were forced by bad Weather to return into Port: In the mean time the French Miniſter reſiding here has diſowned the Proceedings of the ſaid Privateers, and has promiſed to repreſent the ſame to his Maſter in ſuch a manner, that he doubts not but the Republick will receive Satisfaction. We have an account, that ſeveral Galleys are fitting out at *Marſeilles*, which are ſaid to be deſigned to *Catalonia*.

Milan, Febr. 24. The occaſion of our Governor's late Journey to *Turin*, was to adjuſt with the Duke of *Savoy* how to oblige the Princes of *Italy* to ſatisfie the German Forces for what remains unpaid of the Money they were to give them, upon their quitting the *Milaneze*. The Officers in the Service of this State are ordered to repair to their ſeveral Gariſons, a review being appointed of all the Troops at the places where they are at preſent Quartered.

Venice, March 2. They are Shipping here great quantities of Proviſions and Ammunition to be ſent with the next Convoy to the *Levant*; and the Soldiers who are now at the *Lido* will begin to Embark in a day or two; they will be in all about 2000; and the reſt of the Levies that have been made in *Italy* and *Germany* for the Service of this Republick, are expected here in a ſhort time, and will be ſent away as faſt as they arrive; The Venetian Army in the *Morea* with theſe Reinforcements, will be made up to above 20000 Men, which is a ſufficient force to attempt ſomething conſiderable againſt the Enemy on that ſide. The laſt advices from *Conſtantinople* ſay, divers Galleys were fitting out, to be employed in the *Black Sea* againſt the *Moſcovites*, and that the Captain-Baſſa was ordered to go himſelf upon this Service. A Perſian Ambaſſador was arrived there, but had not yet had Audience of the Grand Signior: 'Twas ſaid his Buſineſs was to com-